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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As an individual consumer, I am a big supporter of competition. I have shopped broadband service and appreciate that I have options to choose from other than "big name" providers who attempt to crush competitors at all costs in order to limit competition and increase prices they can charge.

Please reject USTelecom attempt dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act by rejecting their claim that residential consumers will not be affected, because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

I use copper to receive DSL/phone service because my wife wants the security of knowing the landline telephone will still work if the electricity goes out.

Sincerely,

Patrick Stratman